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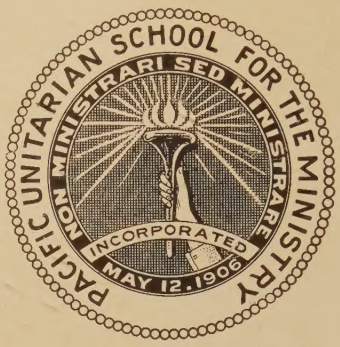

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SHORT SERVICES

The Salute to the Cross

I pledge allegiance to the Cross, And to the Saviour for whose kingdom it stands; For I am not ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, And manfully to fight under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil; And to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto my life's end.

The Salute to the Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag, And to the Republic for which it stands; One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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EDITOR'S FOREWORD

The first three services in this manual are for general use with congregations of children or adults. There are many occasions when short services are needed: for instance, at the opening or closing of the Church school session; at a week-day service; at the meeting of a guild or society; or on any occasion when a group of people wish to worship for a short period.

The last three services in the manual are particularly for children and young people, but all of the services are appropriate for them.

What is original in these offices is not the material but the arrangement. The scheme of typography, indicating at a glance who is to participate in each portion of the service, reduces the necessity of rubrics or directions to the minimum. The purpose is to enable even the unpractised worshipper to take part in the services at sight.

In dividing canticles and other passages for responsive reading, care has been taken to let the division between the leader's part and the congregation's part mark some turn in the meaning of the passage, so that the congregation may really "answer" the leader in fact and not merely in sound. This plan seems more likely to encourage intelligent worship than the prevailing custom whereby minister and people say every other verse regardless of the meaning, as though the page were measured off according to inches.

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Believing that corporate silence is one of the most helpful and deeply spiritual factors in public worship, the manual indicates here and there occasions when it may be appropriate for the leader and congregation together reverently to keep silence for a space.

While each service is an independent whole and can be used just as it stands, any of them may be lengthened at the discretion of the leader by the addition of hymns, lessons from the Scripture, psalms, prayers, an offertory, an address, etc. A row of asterisks (* * *) indicates the point at which an addition may most properly be made.

M (Minister) indicates the leader who conducts the service, whether clergyman or lay person. Words in ordinary Roman type are spoken by the leader only.

P (People) indicates the congregation. Words in Italics are spoken by the congregation only.

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IN THE MORNING

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STANDING

M The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

P *I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.*
Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

M Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

KNEELING

MP **Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

SAID BY A PRIEST, IF PRESENT, STANDING ALONE

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you Absolution and Remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

P *Amen.*

IF A PRIEST BE NOT PRESENT

M Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P *Amen.*

MP Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

[SILENT WORSHIP]

M O Lord, open thou our lips.

P *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

STANDING

M Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

P *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

M Praise ye the Lord.

P *The Lord's Name be praised.*

The Venite

M O come, let us sing unto the Lord, Let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, And show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

P *For the Lord is a great God, And a great King above all gods.*

M In his hand are all the corners of the earth, And the strength of the hills is his also.

P *The sea is his, and he made it, And his hands prepared the dry land.*

M O come, let us worship and fall down, And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

P *For he is the Lord our God, And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

M O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, Let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

P *For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, And with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.*

MP **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

(OR THIS)

THE TE DEUM

M We praise thee, O God, We acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

P *All the earth doth worship thee, The Father everlasting.*

M To thee all Angels cry aloud, The Heavens, and all the Powers therein;

P *To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,*

MP **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth,**
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.

M The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

P *The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.*

M The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

P *The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee*

MP **The Father of an infinite Majesty;**
Thine adorable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

M Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

P *Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.*

M When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, Thou didst humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.

P When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

M Thou sittest at the right hand of God, In the glory of the Father.

P We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

MP We therefore pray thee, help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.

M O Lord, save thy people,

P And bless thine heritage.

M Govern them,

P And lift them up forever.

M Day by day we magnify thee,

P And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

M Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

P O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

M O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us,

P As our trust is in thee.

M O Lord, in thee have I trusted,

P Let me never be confounded.

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MP **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:**
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost: The Holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

M The Lord be with you.

P *And with thy spirit.*

M Let us pray.

KNEELING

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

P *And grant us thy salvation.*

M O God, make clean our hearts within us.

P *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

[THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY]

M O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

P *Amen.*

M O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P *Amen.*

[SILENT WORSHIP]

M The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

P *Amen.*

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IN THE AFTERNOON OR EVENING

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STANDING

M The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

P *Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.*
Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense; and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

M O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

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KNEELING

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P *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

STANDING

M Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

P *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

M Praise ye the Lord.

P *The Lord's Name be praised.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

M Glory be to God on high,

P *And on earth peace, good will towards men.*

M We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,

P *We give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

M O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world,

P *Have mercy upon us.*

M Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

P *Receive our prayer.*

M Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

P *Have mercy upon us.*

MP **For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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MP **I believe in God the Father, who hath made me, and all the world. And in God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all mankind. And in God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the people of God. Amen.**

M The Lord be with you.

P *And with thy spirit.*

M Let us pray.

KNEELING

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

P *And grant us thy salvation.*

M O Lord, save the State.

P *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

M Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

P *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

M O Lord, save thy people.

P *And bless thine inheritance.*

M Give peace in our time, O Lord.

P *For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.*

M O God, make clean our hearts within us.

P *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

[THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY]

M O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

P *Amen.*

M Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

P *Amen.*

[SILENT WORSHIP]

M The Lord bless us, and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore.

P *Amen.*

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PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

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STANDING

M The Lord be with you.

P *And with thy spirit.*

M Let us pray.

KNEELING

Show us thy mercy, O Lord,

P *And grant us thy salvation.*

M O Lord, have mercy upon us,

P *Have mercy upon us.*

M O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us,

P *As our trust is in thee.*

M O God, make clean our hearts within us,

P *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

M Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.

P *Thou the anointing Spirit art,*
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

M Thy blessed unction from above,
In comfort, life, and fire of love.

P *Enable with perpetual light*
The dullness of our blinded sight.

M Anoint and cheer our soiléd face
With the abundance of thy grace.

P *Keep far our foes, give peace at home;*
Where thou art guide no ill can come.

M Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but One;

P *That, through the ages all along,*
This may be our endless song:

MP **Praise to thy eternal merit,**
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

[SILENT WORSHIP]

M Let us pray.

O God, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray thee, this Congregation with thy love and favour; enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end.

P *Amen.*

M God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, and fill us with all spiritual benediction and grace; that we may have in this world knowledge of his truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

P *Amen.*

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LITANY FOR CHILDREN

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[SILENT WORSHIP]

KNEELING

M Jesus, once an infant small,
Cradled in the oxen's stall,
Though the God and Lord of all:

P *Hear us, Holy Jesus.*

M Be thou with us every day,
In our work and in our play,
When we learn and when we pray.

P *Hear us, Holy Jesus.*

M When we lie asleep at night,
Ever may thy angels bright
Keep us safe till morning light:

P *Hear us, Holy Jesus.*

M Make us brave without a fear,
Make us happy, full of cheer,
Sure that thou art always near:

P *Hear us, Holy Jesus.*

M May we prize our Christian name,
May we guard it free from blame,
Fearing all that causes shame:

P *Hear us, Holy Jesus.*

M May we ever try to be
From all sinful tempers free,
Pure and gentle, Lord, like thee:

P *Hear us, Holy Jesus.*

M Jesus, Son of God most high,
Who didst in a manger lie,
Who upon the cross didst die:

P *Hear us, Holy Jesus.*

M May Almighty God order our ways in his peace, and grant us the gifts of his blessing.

P *Amen.*

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FIRST OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION

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STANDING

M The Lord be with you.

P *And with thy spirit.*

M Let us pray.

KNEELING

MP **Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE LEADER STANDING, THE CONGREGATION SITTING

M What is your Christian Name?

P *My Christian Name is.....*

M Who gave you this Name?

P *My Sponsors gave me this Name in Baptism; wherein I was made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven.*

M What did your Sponsors then promise for you?

P *They did promise and vow three things in my name:*

First, that I should renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanity of this wicked world, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh;

Secondly, that I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith; and

Thirdly, that I should keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of my life.

M Do you not think that you are bound to do so?

P *Yes, verily; and by God's help so I will. And I heartily thank our heavenly Father, that he hath called me to this state of salvation, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. And I pray unto God to give me his grace, that I may continue in the same unto my life's end.*

M You said that your Sponsors promised and vowed that you should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith. Recite the Articles of the Christian Faith as contained in the Apostles' Creed.

STANDING

MP **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:**
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost: The Holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

M What do you chiefly learn in these Articles of your Belief?

P *First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who hath made me, and all the world;*

Secondly, in God the Son, who hath redeemed me, and all mankind;

Thirdly, in God the Holy Ghost, who sanctifieth me, and all the people of God.

And this Holy Trinity, One God, I praise and magnify, saying,

MP **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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M You said that your Sponsors promised and vowed that you should keep God's holy will and commandments. Tell me how many Commandments there are.

P *There are Ten Commandments, given in old time by God to the people of Israel.*

M The Lord be with you.

P *And with thy spirit.*

M Let us pray.

KNEELING

MP **O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WHEN DESIRED, THE CONGREGATION MAY REPEAT THE COMMANDMENTS, THE MINISTER SAYING THE PRAYER.

M (1) Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

P *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

M (2) Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

P *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

M (3) Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

P *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

M (4) Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.

P *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

M (5) Honour thy father and thy mother.

P *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

M (6) Thou shalt do no murder.

P *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

M (7) Thou shalt not commit adultery.

P *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

M (8) Thou shalt not steal.

P *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

M (9) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

P *Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

M (10) Thou shalt not covet.

P *Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.*

M Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P *Amen.*

THE LEADER STANDING, THE CONGREGATION SITTING

M What does our Lord Jesus Christ teach us about these Commandments?

P *Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us that they are summed up in two Commandments:*

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; this is the first and great Commandment. And the second is, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

M What, then, do you chiefly learn from these Commandments?

P *I learn two things from these Commandments: my duty towards God, and my duty towards my neighbour.*

M What is your duty towards God?

P *My duty towards God is, To love him with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength.*

(1) To believe in him, and to fear him.
(2) To put my whole trust in him, and to call upon him.

(3) To honour his holy Name and his Word.
(4) To worship him, to give him thanks, and to serve him truly all the days of my life.

M What is your duty towards your neighbour?

P *My duty towards my neighbour is, To love him as myself, and to do to all men as I would they should do unto me.*

(5) To love, honour, and succour my father and mother. To honour and obey the civil authority. To submit myself to all my governors, teachers, spiritual pastors, and masters. And to order myself in that lowliness and reverence which becometh a servant of God.
(6) To hurt nobody by word or deed, and to bear no malice nor hatred in my heart.
(7) To keep my body in temperance, soberness, and chastity.
(8) To keep my hands from picking and stealing, and to be true and just in all my dealings.
(9) To keep my tongue from evil speaking, lying, and slandering.
(10) Not to covet nor desire other men's goods, but to learn and labour truly to get mine own living, and to do my duty in that state of life unto which it shall please God to call me.

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M My good Child, know this; that you are not able to do these things of yourself, nor to walk in the Commandments of God, and to serve him, without his special grace; which you must learn at all times to call for by diligent prayer. What is the prayer that our Lord taught us to pray?

P *The Lord's Prayer.*

M Let us pray.

KNEELING

MP Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

[SILENT WORSHIP]

M The Almighty Lord have mercy upon us, and bring us to eternal life.

P Amen.

SECOND OFFICE OF INSTRUCTION

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STANDING

M Come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths.

Show thy servants thy work,

P And their children thy glory.

M Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us,

P As we do put our trust in thee.

M Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,

P But unto thy Name be the praise.

M Lord, hear our prayer,

P *And let our cry come unto thee.*

M The Lord be with you.

P *And with thy spirit.*

M Let us pray.

KNEELING

MP **O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE LEADER STANDING, THE CONGREGATION SITTING

M When were you made a member of the Church?

P *I was made a member of the Church when I was baptized.*

M What is the Church?

P *The Church is the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head, and all baptized people the members.*

M How is the Church described in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds?

P *The Church is described in the Creeds as One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.*

M What do you mean by these words?

P *I mean that the Church is One, because it is one Body under one Head; Holy, because the Holy*

Spirit dwells in it and sanctifies its members; Catholic, because it is universal, holding earnestly the Faith for all time, in all countries, and for all people; and Apostolic, because it continues steadfastly in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, and its mission is to send forth the Gospel to the whole world.

M What is your bounden duty as a member of the Church?

P *My bounden duty is to follow the example of our Saviour Christ; to work and pray and give for the spread of his kingdom; and to join week by week in the worship of God in the congregation of Christ's people.*

M How can you be helped to fulfil these duties?

P *By coming to Confirmation, wherein I declare my loyalty to Christ and his service, and receive the strengthening of the Holy Spirit.*

M What Sacrament does our Lord provide for the constant strengthening and refreshing of your soul?

P *He provides the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion, which it is my privilege to receive.*

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M How many Sacraments has Christ ordained in his Church?

P *Christ has ordained two Sacraments only, as generally necessary to salvation; that is to say, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord.*

M What do you mean by this word Sacrament?

P I mean by this word Sacrament an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given unto us, a means whereby we receive that grace, and a pledge to assure us of it.

M What is the outward and visible sign or form in Baptism?

P The outward and visible sign or form in Baptism is Water; wherein the person is baptized, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

M What is the inward and spiritual grace in Baptism?

P The inward and spiritual grace in Baptism is a death unto sin, and a new birth unto righteousness.

M What is the outward part or sign of the Lord's Supper?

P The outward part or sign of the Lord's Supper is, Bread and Wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

M What is the inward part, or thing signified?

P The inward part, or thing signified, is the Body and Blood of Christ, which are spiritually taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.

M Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordained?

P The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was ordained for the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of the death of Christ, and for the benefits which we receive thereby.

M What are the benefits whereof we are partakers in the Lord's Supper?

P The benefits whereof we are partakers in the Lord's Supper are the strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the Body and Blood of Christ, as our bodies are strengthened and refreshed by the Bread and Wine.

M What is required of those who come to the Lord's Supper?

P It is required of those who come to the Lord's Supper to examine themselves, whether they repent them truly of their former sins, steadfastly purposing to lead a new life; to have a lively faith in God's mercy through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of his death; and to be in charity with all men.

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M What orders of Ministers are there in the Church?

P Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; which orders have been in the Church from the earliest times.

M What is the office of a Bishop?

P The office of a Bishop is, to be a chief pastor in the Church; to confer Holy Orders; and to administer Confirmation.

M What is the office of a Priest?

P The office of a Priest is, to preach the Word of God; to baptize; to celebrate the Holy Communion; to pronounce Absolution and Blessing in God's Name; and to minister to the people committed to his care.

M What is the office of a Deacon?

P *The office of a Deacon is, to assist the Priest in Divine Service, and in his other ministrations, under the direction of the Bishop.*

M The Lord be with you.

P *And with thy spirit.*

M Let us pray.

KNEELING

Grant, O Lord, that they who shall renew the promises and vows of their Baptism, and be confirmed by the Bishop, may receive such a measure of thy Holy Spirit, that they may grow in grace unto their life's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P *Amen.*

[SILENT WORSHIP]

M Grant, O Father, that when we receive the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, coming to those holy mysteries in faith, and love, and true repentance, we may receive remission of our sins, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P *Amen.*

M The Almighty and merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us, now and for evermore.

P *Amen.*

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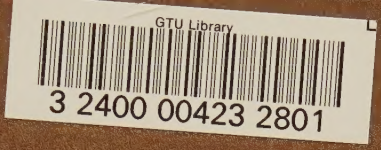

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